Andover Mass 11
Oct 28

Rev. A. A. Phelps

Boston No 25 Cornhill

shall dear. which I may suppose, you would wish to be apprised of. I can write you again may the Lord direct and command in the matter you respectfully.

Levi Beckwith

If there is one it will probably at Worcester and in the course of three weeks.

As to the question whether you can be of the convention I have no authority for saying yes or no. Nothing was said on that point at our house, and I do not now recollect that any brother has expressed an opinion whether it would or would not be expedient to invite others out of the County to deliberate with us. I can give you my opinion which has been the same from the beginning of the movement that is it would not be expedient to have any out of the Co. made members. I think there are important reasons for this opinion. Other brethren may have a different opinion and reasons for their opinion that will change mine. I can only give my opinion on that point.

Perhaps I should have better delayed writing till after next Monday. but the time and place of the convention will probably be published in the papers, and if any thing beside that

Levi Packard.

73 Spencer Oct. 28 1834.

PHELPS MCS.

Brother Phelps. yours came to hand last night. I will give you an early reply. There probably will be a convention though it is not yet decided. A few of the brethren met & one house a short time since to deliberate on the subject, but did not then come to a conclusion but adjourned to meet at Leicester next Monday. I think measures will be taken on Monday to call a convention of ministers of all denominations in Worcester County. Slavery will be the subject and not ministers rights nor pastors rights. I think that it will be so. and my little influence will go to have it so. I think nothing will be done "rashly." I see little or nothing that tends to rashness as yet. Perhaps you are not aware, that this convention has been had in contemplation. and talked about ever since last spring. The subject was discussed by some of the brethren. who met in the conference of churches that was held in this place last June. Those who moved it now were the very men who talked about this